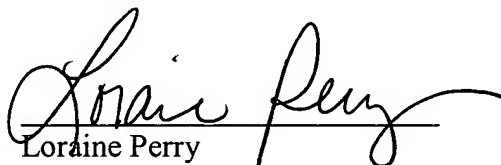


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified continuation application  
as follows: